at its own level or against the proposals received from the States for tourism development; and

(b) the funds provided by the Union Government at its own level during the last three years, State-wise/ UT-wise?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) The Department of Tourism, Government of India extends central financial assistance to specific projects submitted by the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations based on their merits, inter se priority and availability of funds.

(b) The central financial assistance provided to State Governments/Union Territories for the last three years is provided in the enclosed Statement.

Statements

		Amount Sanctioned (Rs. in Lakhs)		
S.No.	State	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	114.28	174.64	13.46
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	45.40	-	52.26
3.	Assam	78.11	52.99	70.24
4.	Bihar	53.61	112.12	116.52
5.	Goa	78.82	162.07	221.55
6.	Gujarat	65.76	21.19	7.93
7.	Haryana	223.21	188.96	119.45
8.	Himachal Pradesh	349.28	368.85	373.39
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	225.60	215.98	150.30
10.	Karnataka	177.44	229.96	229.36
11.	Kerala	97.40	307.05	209.94
12.	Madhya Pradesh	31.57	9.32	-
13.	Maharashtra	309.31	273.46	83.64
14.	Manipur	45.50	4.00	75.81
15.	Meghalaya	1.85	-	4.08
16.	Mizoram	88.18	111.80	100.86
17.	Nagaland	16.66	36.43	51.60
18.	Orissa	101.52	166.31	103.86
19.	Punjab	186.67	136.71	139.49
20.	Rajasthan	260.43	662.78	164.65
21.	Sikkim	130.89	49.07	24.61
22.	Tamil Nadu	402.45	145.72	250.11
23.	Tripura	15.07	46.61	33.43
24.	Uttar Pradesh	151.04	223.80	26.21
25.	West Bengal	167.30	144.01	191.10
	Union Territories			
1.	Andaman & Nicobar	53.47	-	45.00
2.	Chandigarh	18.66	64.66	17.20
3.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	-	23.62	-
4.	Daman and Diu	12.03	42.31	44.21
5.	Delhi	117.23	116.50	28.23
6.	Lakshadweep	-	19.95	24.65
7.	Pondicherry	29.75	-	28.12
	Total	3648.49	4110.87	3009.31

[English]

Introduction of Shatabdi Express between Salem and Bangalore

4161. SHRI K. KANDASAMY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the necessity of starting a Shatabdi Express between Salem and Bangalore via Dharmapuri; and

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b) It has been decided to introduce a Shatabdi Express between Bangalore and Coimbatore via Dharmapuri and Salem during 1997-98.

Consumption of Coal by Steel Plants

4162. SHRI ISWAR PRASANNA HAZARIKA : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) the total quantity of coking coal consumed by the integrated steel plants in the country during 1995-96;

(b) the quantity of coking coal imported during 1995-96 and the average cost thereof per MT;

(c) the quantity of low ash coal from Assam consumed by the steel industry in 1995-96 and the average cost thereof per MT;

(d) whether there is scope for increasing the consumption of Assam coal by the integrated steel plants so as to reduce imports of coking coal; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : (a) The total quantity of coking coal consumed by the integrated steel plants in the country during 1995-96 is as below :

	(In million tonnes)
SAIL	13.890
VSP	3.427
TISCO	2.872